

# QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

## 10 - STD

## ENGLISH

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Time : 3.00 Hrs

Marks : 100

### PART - I

**Note:** (I) Answer all the questions.

.14x1=14

(II) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

**Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.**

1. The sun was ascending the sky, *blazing* warmly.  
(a) gesturing (b) burning (c) cleaning (d) moving
2. 'What on earth are you boys doing?' she *demande*d.  
(a) shouted (b) requested (c) yelled (d) asked
3. Currently, women's accomplishments are *tremendous* in many fields.  
(a) significant (b) enormous (c) feeble (d) distained

**Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words.**

4. Herman rushed to the room and *slammed* the door.  
(a) pulled (b) closed (c) opened (d) pushed
5. But he kept calling *plaintively*.  
(a) sadly (b) lazily (c) happily (d) calmly
6. I asked Aditya whether everything was still the *same*.  
(a) different (b) alike (c) identical (d) twin
7. Choose the correct plural form of '*erratum*' from the following:  
(a) errata (b) erratumes (c) erratum (d) errati
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word '*noble*'.  
(a) ig (b) in (c) dis (d) un

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *CA*.

- (a) Chief Accountant. (b) Chartered Accountant.  
(c) Central Accountant. (d) Central Assistant.

10. **Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.**

The lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ the case cleverly.

- (a) dealt in (b) dealt out (c) dealt with (d) dealt on
11. Choose the option that pairs with the word '*land*' to form a compound word.  
(a) hood (b) step (c) way (d) mark

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.

The butler appeared \_\_\_\_\_ the doorway.

- (a) on (b) in (c) at (d) of

13. Complete the following sentence using the appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

He \_\_\_\_\_ to the USA by this time next week.

- (a) Will travel (b) will travelling  
(c) will be travelling (d) will have travelled

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.

The child was ill \_\_\_\_\_ he was admitted to the hospital.

- (a) Because of (b) Unless (c) Though (d) so

### PART II SECTION - 1

**Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.**

3x2=6

15. What did the parents do, when the young seagull failed to fly?
16. When was INSV Tarini commissioned to Indian Navy service?
17. Why do you think Mrs. Bodwell wanted to sell the house?
18. How was the landscape through which they travelled?

### SECTION - 2

**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.** 3x2=6

19. *In the dim past, nor holding back in fear*

*From what the future veils; but with a whole*

- (a) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'in the dim past'?
- (b) Is the poet afraid of the future?



## 36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

Go then", says the ant, "and dance the winter away",  
Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,  
And out of the door turned the poor little cricket.  
Folks call this a fable. I'll warrant it true:  
Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.

## SECTION - 3

Answer any one of the following.

1x5=5

## 37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) Mulan, a teenage girl, heard the news when she was outside washing clothes.
- (ii) Father! She said, Did you hear what the Emperor says each family must do?
- (iii) She ran into the house. Her father was sitting in a chair.
- (iv) Many years ago, China was in the middle of the war.
- (v) The emperor said that one man from each family must join the army.

## 38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Long, long ago there lived at the foot of the mountain a poor farmer and his aged, widowed mother. They owned a bit of land which supplied them with food, and they were humble, peaceful, and happy. The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader who though a warrior, had a great and cowardly shrinking from anything suggestive of falling health and strength. This caused him to send out a cruel proclamation. The entire province was given strict orders to immediately put to death all aged people. The poor farmer loved his aged mother and the order filled his heart with sorrow. He took a quantity of unpolished rice and he cooked, dried it, and tied it in a square cloth, which he swung in a bundle around his neck along with a gourd filled with cool, sweet water. Then he lifted his helpless old mother to his back and started on his painful journey up the mountain.

## Questions :

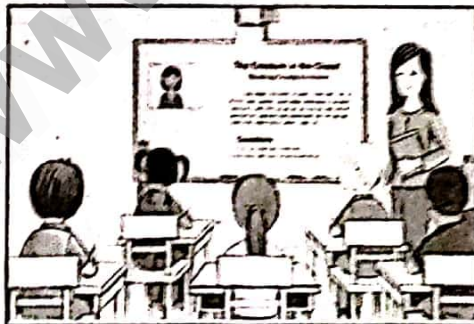
- (a) Who lived at the foot of the mountain?
- (b) What kind of life did they lead?
- (c) Who ruled the country and what was his character?
- (d) What order made the farmer feel sad?
- (e) Where were the things the farmer took for his mother?

## SECTION - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4x5=20

39. Footwear for all - All sizes - Endless variety - All brands - Under one roof - Attractive offers - Shoes, sandals, flats and heels - 43, MC Road - Thanjavur.
40. Write a letter to the President of your Town Panchayat requesting him to repair street lamps in your locality.
41. You are Aadhav / Aadhira . Draft a notice informing the students about the selection process for the upcoming Annual Sports Day.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



## 43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Ours is an age of science. Almost everything we use in our daily lives is a gift of science. Scientific inventions have made our life easy and comfortable. Science has brought a marvellous change in the lifestyle of human beings. The greatest wonder of science is electricity. It is a form of energy. The fans and air conditioners have made us feel comfortable during summer. They have considerably reduced heat. Electricity has helped to live a colourful, charming and comfortable life. We cannot imagine our lives without electricity.

**44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**

- (a) I have seen the film last week.  
 (b) The police has made several arrests.  
 (c) Though he was hungry but he did not eat..  
 (d) Chennai is a largest city in Tamil Nadu..  
 (e) He joined an European university.

**SECTION - 5****45. Quote from memory.****1x5=5**

*The summer of life.....*  
*.....faith and beliefs.*

**PART - IV****46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 2x8=16**

- (a) Prospero - the duke of Milan - Antonio - deprived the dukedom - There was an Island - Prospero and his daughter Miranda - Ariel was the chief - created the storm - Prospero made them afraid - Ferdinand and Miranda - Prospero's brother - King of Naples - repent for misdeeds - Prospero forgave -.Regained dukedom - Ariel dismissed. **(OR)**  
 (b) Dr .Ashok's pet bird - Dr Krishnan - children excited - of his entry - can speak 21 languages- Zigzag - sleeps endlessly - with loud snore - no peace at home - Mrs. Krishnan - not happy - shouts - asks Brahmin for a solution - Dr. Krishnan writes to Ashok - no reply for six days - Dr. Krishnan takes Zigzag to the clinic - Zigzag controls patients - gives commands - all surprised - Dr. Krishnan - happy - decides - keep Zigzag - one more week.

**47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.**

The small society of Rameswaram was very rigid in terms after segregation of different social groups. However, my science teacher, Sivasubramania Iyer, though an orthodox Brahmin with a very conservative wife, was something of a rebel. He did his best to break social barriers so that people from varying backgrounds could mingle easily. He used to spend hours with me and would say, "Kalam, I want you to develop so that you are on par with the highly educated people of the big cities". One day he invited me to this home for a meal. His wife was horrified at the idea of a Muslim boy being invited to dine in her ritually pure kitchen. She refused to serve me. Sivasubramania Iyer did not get angry with his wife but instead, he served me with his own hands and sat down beside me to eat his meal. His wife watched us from behind the kitchen door. I wondered whether she had observed any difference in the way I ate rice, drank water or cleaned the floor after the meal. When I was leaving his house, Sivasubramania Iyer invited me to join him for dinner again the next weekend. Observing my hesitation, he told me not to get upset, saying, "Once you decide to change the system such problems have to be confronted". When I visited his house the next week, Siva Subramanya Iyer's wife took me inside her kitchen and served me food with her own hands.

- Questions :** (a) Who was the narrator's science teacher?  
 (b) What did he want Kalam to do?  
 (c) How did Sivasubramania Iyer react when his wife refused to serve Kalam?  
 (d) How did Sivasubramania Iyer's wife behave on Kalam's second visit?

**(OR) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.**

*I am the Earth and the earth is me*  
*Each blade of grass, each honey tree,*  
*Each bit of mud and stick and Stone*  
*Is blood and muscle, Skin and bone.*  
*And just as I need every bit of me*  
*To make my body fit.*  
*So the earth needs grass and stone and tree*  
*And things that grow here naturally.*  
*That's why we celebrate this day.*  
*That's why across the world we say:*  
*As long as life, as dear, as free,*  
*I am the Earth and the Earth is me.*

- Questions :** (a) Who is the speaker in this poem?  
 (b) What does the Earth need for its growth?  
 (c) What is compared to blood and muscles ?  
 (d) Give a suitable title to this poem?